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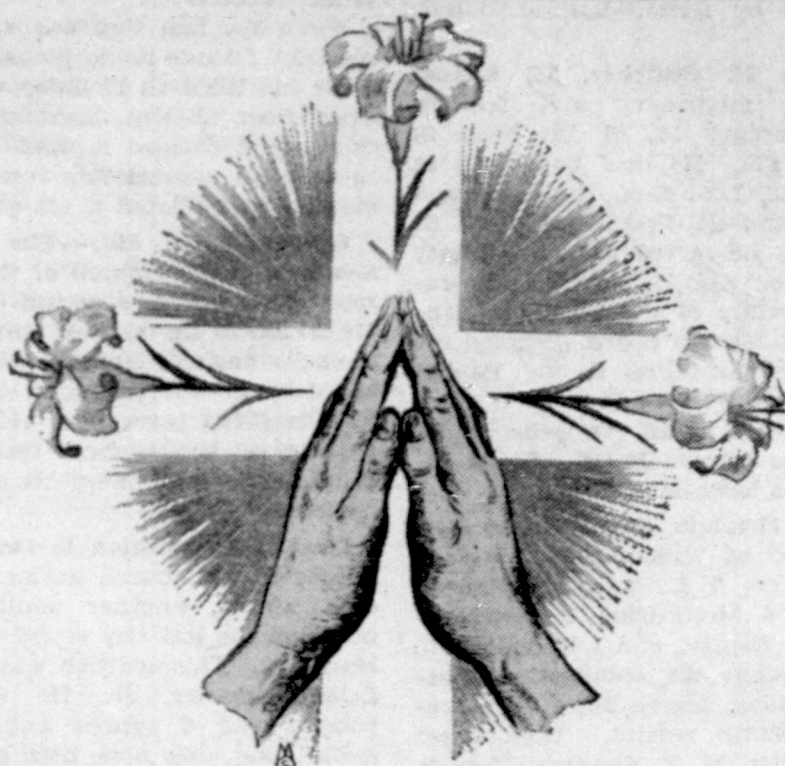
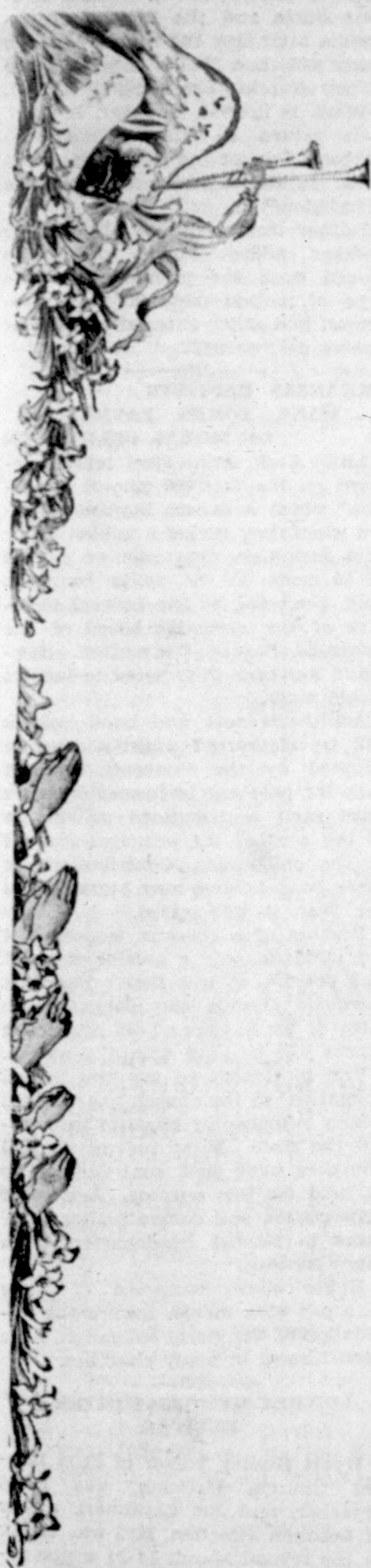
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The Risen Christ

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the

Lord out of the sepulchre, and we knew not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT

Marriage And The Home

By D. I. YOUNG, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Eden, Miss.

(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "Bible Teaching As To Election."—Editor.)

Under this title we shall discuss the home and marriage in the light of Scripture, where we find God's purpose so beautifully revealed. Home



D. I. Young

is not just a house or place, but is that high purpose and relation which God desires. The relations between the members of the family under God, makes home according to His purpose. God made the first home in the Garden of Eden and made it complete with the "Help Meet" and His own holy presence. In this home He demanded obedience to Himself and devotion between Adam and Eve, to whom He gave this beautiful place. The spirit of home is shown in all that God demanded of Adam and Eve. He ordered them to dress the garden and live in the midst of its beauty and in the presence of God, for God came into the garden in the cool of the day as a real home must have the presence of God and His fellowship. There may be a house, man, and wife, but if the main part is neglected it is doubtful whether the home is complete. Animals may have a place to stay, mate and carry

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Sparks & Splinters

Rev. J. A. Barnhill, who recently entered the evangelistic field after several years' pastorate at Main Street, Hattiesburg, has moved to Jackson. His address is 1005 Robinson street, and he is now ready to complete bookings for evangelistic meetings for the year. Although he has several meetings scheduled, he still has some open dates. Concerning evangelism, Dr. Barnhill writes, "There is a widespread need of a revival and I would like to have the fullest part possible in bringing it in and reaching the unreached multitudes for Christ. I humbly and earnestly desire the increasing prayers of all the saints for a Holy Spirit-led, Holy Spirit empowered ministry in the churches where I may be privileged to work."

Last week I had run into the post office to get my mail. It was raining. My family was waiting in the car. A Frenchman, a business man of this city, called to me. Say, "Do you have any good Bibles in your office?" "Yes," I said. "Are you going to the office now?" he asked. "No, but as soon as I can deposit my family at home, I can go," I replied. "Then I'll meet you at your office in the church in fifteen minutes," he said. At the office he said that he had wanted a good Bible for some time. He had heard me on the radio and wanted to read those passages for himself. "You know, I am a good Catholic," said he. "Yes, I know all about your church devotion," I said. I had a good teacher's Bible, costing five dollars, and some cheaper Bibles. He took the best I had. "I want to read this to my family ever night," said he. He went out happy, I have known him for years. This is a common occurrence in this great mission field. The greatest mission field in the realm of the Southern Baptist Convention.—J. C. Wells, Lafayette.

News has been received of the safe landing of the W. L. Cooper family arriving from South America for their furlough. These Mississippi missionaries have been making fine records in their chosen field. They will visit Dr. W. R. Cooper at Tylertown, and the Tom Tomlinsons in Jackson. Mrs. Cooper is the former Catherine Tomlinson and was reared in Jackson, where her father was pastor of Griffith Memorial church. They will visit the state W. M. U. convention.

Dr. H. A. Zimmerman has closed his work as executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, after about five years of service.

A marriage of interest to a wide circle of friends, both in Mississippi and in her former home in Lake Providence, La., took place on Wednesday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Muse, when Joy Eloise, student in Mississippi College, became the bride of John Peter Millman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter William Millman, of Kewanee, Ill. Mr. Millman is pharmacist's mate, 1-c at the V-12 Navy Unit in Mississippi College hospital. The ceremony was performed by A. L. Goodrich, editor of The Baptist Record. The young couple will be at home in the Ratliff Apartments on East Maine street.

Geo. H. Moseley, a Mississippian at the Baptist Bible Institute, has accepted the call of the Metairie Baptist Church, New Orleans, as associate pastor. For the past year he has been serving as pastor of the Mission church at Napoleonville under Louisiana Baptist Board.

Highland church, Tishomingo county: J. L. Gaines, pastor of Calvary church, Tusculumbia, Ala., did the preaching in our spring revival. It was a good revival with 13 professions and one by letter.—Earline McRae, Clerk.

George H. Crutcher, 73, Baptist minister, missionary and teacher, died February 26, at his home in Tampa, Fla. He held pastorates in Tennessee, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla. At one time he served as a missionary to Mexico. Also he served as Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Baptist State Mission Board, occupied the chair of evangelism in the Baptist Bible Institute and served for a number of years as an evangelist under the Home Mission Board. His birthplace was Lewisburg, Tenn.

Naval chaplain class 3-44 recently graduated at Williamsburg, Virginia. There were 7 Catholics; 7 Presbyterians; 4 Methodists; 1 Congregational; 1 Baptist, and 1 Episcopalian.

Charleston: We ordained six deacons Sunday, March 26, at the evening worship service. They were: Claude Fox, W. E. Kennedy, Tom E. Harris, Harold Breedlove, Joe Cochran and Hiley Shelby. This brings our board of deacons to thirteen, one of whom is now serving in the United States army. Our church has made much progress during the past months spiritually, in numbers, attendance and financially. The Lord has blessed us graciously.—T. J. Tolar, pastor.

The Y. W. A. at Blue Mountain College recently observed the Home Mission Week of Prayer. "Missions in the New World" was taught by Dr. J. F. Plainfield of the Home Mission Board. At the close of the study course, the Y. W. A. gave \$153 for Home Missions.

Rev. S. D. Tubby, Philadelphia, fine Choctaw Indian preacher, who along with others participating in our work, writes that they recently had five for baptism at their church. We frequently get reports from these workers and appreciate them very much.

West Laurel: We conducted a Training Union study course last week beginning with a banquet on Monday night. There was an average attendance of 111. The books taught were on Stewardship.—Gerald Riddell.

The First Baptist Church of Reidsville, North Carolina, has called to its pastorate Dr. John M. McGinnis. Dr. McGinnis is a Mississippian and was graduated from Mississippi College in 1938 and will receive his doctorate at the coming commencement of the Louisville Seminary.

The officers and teachers of Inverness Sunday school have recently completed the study book, "The Church Using Its Sunday School" by J. N. Barnette. Pastor Louie J. Crumby with the help of some of the teachers taught the book.—W. A. Price, reporter.

Frankfort, Ky.—(RNS)—Roman Catholic educators in this state have revealed they are working on a method of legalizing transportation of children to parochial schools as a safety measure. Last year the court of appeals held unconstitutional a measure authorizing transportation of school children in publicly owned school buses. The court held that such an act would run counter to the state constitution forbidding the expenditure of public funds to aid sectarian schools.

While Dr. Ben Cox was very sick, recently, friends made plans to celebrate his thirtieth birthday with the Open Door Mission, Memphis, Tenn. One friend decided it would be nice to raise an appreciation fund at the meeting and started it off with \$100.

Kansas City, Mo.—The 186,519 members of the Church of the Nazarene contributed a grand total of \$10,077,353 to the church during 1943, it was announced here to the general board by C. Warren Jones, secretary. This is \$54.03 per capita, believed to be one of the highest records for denominations of more than 100,000 members.

Leland: In addition to the 26 additions to our church during the recent revival, another addition was made on the last day of the meeting, March 22. This addition was Chester Leland Quarles, Jr. He weighs 7 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. We have been so happy in Leland we named him for the town.—Chester L. Quarles.

The annual report of the president of Harvard University presents figures that tell a forceful story of what is happening to civilian college education. The normal enrollment in the undergraduate department at Harvard is 3,500 students; this season there are but 850, a decrease of around 75 per cent. The graduate departments tell a similar story—from a normal enrollment of 4,500 students, the figure has dropped to 976 this year. The case of Harvard tells what is happening in every institution of higher learning in the land. We are all out for victory, fighting a total war, and this is only one of the results.—Jackson Daily News.

Dr. Hershel H. Hobbs, pastor of Immanuel church, Alexandria, Louisiana, recently led in a revival at Leland. There were 26 additions. Pastor Chester L. Quarles led the singing. Pastor Quarles writes: "Dr. Hobbs proved himself to be one of the very finest young preachers in the South. He preached splendid messages and the people responded to his leadership."

A good revival is reported at East Moss Point church with L. G. Sansing of Pelahatchie doing the preaching. O. U. Rushing led the singing. Montie Davis is pastor there and is doing a good work.

NEWSPAPERMEN HEAR DEFENSE OF CHURCH

Harrisburg, Pa.—(RNS)—A defense against charges that the church is failing to combat juvenile delinquency was made here by Cameron Ralston, resident director of Federal Public Forums, speaking before members of the Interstate Circulation Managers' Association at their 27th annual convention.

Ralston, a former member of the faculty of Washington and Jefferson College, told the newspapermen from four states and the District of Columbia attending the conclave that a study will show that a large majority of the churches are doing their part.

What is needed, however, he said, is a return to "the old-fashioned Sabbath Day of our forefathers, devoted to the teaching and practice of religion."

Rather than upon the church, the speaker added, blame should be placed upon the production of the type of motion pictures, radio programs, and other entertainment that inspire delinquency.

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS MAKE TOKEN PAYMENT ON MORAL OBLIGATION

Little Rock, Ark.—First token payment on the \$650,000 "moral obligation" which Arkansas Baptists incurred when they settled a million dollar debt during the depression on a basis of 35 cents on the dollar has been paid, according to the general secretary of the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. \$64,964.15 has been distributed to holders of old notes.

Additional note and bond holders will be reimbursed under a program adopted by the Convention which calls for payment to former creditors until such contributions amount to 65 per cent of the principal amount of the obligation. Contributions to these bond holders may begin late in the year, it was stated.

Because of a delay in working out the methods, only a partial payment was possible at this time. The first payment cancels the obligation to most of the holders of old notes; the others will be paid within a month.

The movement to pay the "moral obligation" of the church has received hearty response by Baptists throughout the state. Many individuals and churches have sent contributions to be used for this purpose. Letters of appreciation and congratulation have come to Baptist headquarters from many sections.

Honor clubs, composed of those who pay \$1 a month toward the liquidation of the moral obligation, have been formed in many churches.

LOWREY MEMORIAL IN GOOD REVIVAL

Wyatt Hunter, pastor of First Baptist Church, McComb, was guest preacher, and Joe Canzoneri, pastor of Lebanon Junction, Ky., was singer in the revival March 19-24 which resulted in many being added to the church, and growth in grace on the part of the members. Many of the people state this was the most helpful meeting they ever attended. No high pressure was used to get people to join the church. The preacher and singer made a great pair in a revival. The church has felt the surge of a mighty revival.—C. J. Smyly, pastor.

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Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

The New Albany meeting closed out with seven hundred fifty-nine responses to invitations, according to Pastor Pearce. One hundred eighty-four average young people's prayer meeting attendance led by Carroll. Good start at Clarksdale.

Mississippi Baptists continue on the march! Great gains were registered, as revealed by the following figures from the bookkeeping department:

	Cooperative Program	Miscellaneous	Now Club	Totals
1944—March	\$36,947.62	\$37,146.57	\$ 8,711.60	\$82,805.79
1943—March	24,963.48	29,456.36	10,459.49	64,879.33
Gain and loss	\$11,984.14	\$ 7,690.21 (L)	\$ 1,747.89	\$17,926.46

Real gains were made in Cooperative Program distributions and in designations. A slight loss is noted in the Now Club. We will have to watch at this point if we get out of debt this year. The total gain is certainly gratifying. It means more missionaries, more evangelism and help for young people in their aspirations, more help for the orphan and the sick. Doxology!

We have just returned from a revival series in Sumrall where God poured out refreshing blessings. Twenty-four asked for baptism, three came by letter, and there were twelve other professions of faith. Doxology again! Pastor Talkington and his people are great workers. Carl Kosanke led in spiritual singing and personal work. The school cooperated beautifully.

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More words of Jesus as found in Luke:

Luke 2:49.	32-35.
Luke 4:4, 8, 12, 18, 19, 21, 23-27, 35, 43.	Luke 14:3, 5, 8-14, 16-24, 26-35.
Luke 5:4, 10, 13, 14, 20, 22-24, 27, 31, 32, 34-39.	Luke 15:4-32.
Luke 6:3-5, 8-10, 20-49.	Luke 16:1-13, 15-31.
Luke 7:9, 13, 14, 22-28, 31-35, 40-48, 50.	Luke 17:1-4, 6-10, 14, 17-37.
Luke 8:5-8, 10-18, 21, 22, 25, 30, 39, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54.	Luke 18:2-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29-33, 41, 42.
Luke 9:3-5, 13, 14, 18, 20, 22-27, 41, 44, 48, 50, 55, 56, 58-60, 62.	Luke 19:5, 9, 10, 12-27, 30, 31, 40, 42-44, 46.
Luke 10:2-16, 18-24, 26, 28, 30-37, 41, 42.	Luke 20:3, 4, 8-18, 23-25, 34-38, 41-44, 46, 47.
Luke 11:2-13, 17-26, 28-36, 39-44, 46-52.	Luke 21:3, 4, 6, 8-36.
Luke 12:1-12, 14-40, 42-59.	Luke 22:8, 10-12, 15-22, 25-32, 34-38, 40, 42, 46, 48, 51-53, 61, 67-70.
Luke 13:2-9, 12, 15, 16, 18-21, 24-30,	Luke 23:3, 28-31, 34, 43, 46.
	Luke 24:17, 19, 25, 26, 36, 38, 39, 41, 44, 46-49.

II

"TO BE" AND "NOT TO BE" IN SOUL-WINNING

By Roland Q. Leavell

The first problem in soul-winning is the problem of the soul-winner. Dare to ask yourself four questions: How deeply do I care? How sincere is my prayer? How much of Christ have I to share? How far will I dare?

Begin now trying to win others to Christ. Don't be discouraged; eventually you will succeed. As you try, endeavor "to be" as follows:

BE CONSISTENT. Character is the cutting edge of evangelism. Live close to Christ. No one can lead another closer to Christ than he himself lives.

BE PRAYERFUL. Keep a prayer list, praying for yourself and for lost souls by name.

BE ALERT. Make it your business to look for lost people.

BE COURAGEOUS. Fight fear about approaching others for Christ. Fear is lack of faith. Fear is sin. Perfect love casteth out fear.

BE DILIGENT. Try to speak to some lost soul about Christ at least once every week.

BE TACTFUL. Use gracious persuasion, not condemnation nor argument. Assume that your friend wants to be a Christian.

BE WITNESSES. A soul-winner is a witness, not a prosecuting attorney. Introduce your friend to Jesus. Tell what He has done for you. Tell everything you know about Him. Don't talk church membership at first. Jesus has a better reputation with lost people than the church has.

BE SPECIFIC. Don't be sidetracked. Ignore most excuses. Ignore criticisms of churches and Christians. Keep your friend face to face with Christ.

BE SCRIPTURAL. Use the Bible, the Sword of the Spirit. Begin trying to win souls with John 3:16 and learn more Scripture through practice.

BE PERSUASIVE. Expect an immediate decision; ask for a decision; press for a decision for Christ.—The Baptist Student.

III

Two hundred and fifty-six of the larger religious bodies in the United States have a membership of 67,327,719. The Roman Catholic Church has 18,976 individual churches, with a membership of 22,945,247; Methodists have 42,206 churches with 6,640,424 members; Southern Baptists have 25,737 churches with a membership of 5,367,129; Jewish congregations, 3,728 synagogues and temples with a membership of 4,641,184; National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., 24,575 churches with 3,911,162 members, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., 8,511 churches with 1,986,257 members; the United Lutheran Church, 4,046 churches with 1,709,290 members. Northern Baptists have a membership of 1,543,917.—Arkansas Baptist.

IV

Facing a Serious Situation

There is no use blinking it. Let us face the facts frankly and try to do something about it.

J. Edgar Hoover, who is in a position to know, recently said: "This country is in deadly peril. We can win this war and still lose freedom for all in America. For a creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation. I am not easily shocked or alarmed. But today, like thousands of others, I am both shocked and alarmed. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls all over the country are staggering. Some of the crimes youngsters are committing are almost unspeakable . . . prostitution, murder, rape. These are ugly words. But this is an ugly situation. If we are to correct it, we must face it."

Don't you think it is about time we were getting our eyes open? What shall we do about it? President Grant of Ouachita College, Arkansas, said a wise thing recently that will help. He said: "Our homes, schools, and churches must unite in a vigorous effort to grow boys or else our government will have to go on doing its best to mend men." The parental responsibility is great. It is inescapable. If we would avoid the tragic scene picture above, then we must begin to evaluate the influence of attendance upon church and Sunday school.

Note what Prof. Henry Link, of New York University, says:

A Psychologist Speaks

"For three years, I have been experimenting with a test for children. The results show that among the most important habits contributing to an effective personality are the following: Going to Sunday school, and having parents that attend church. The very fact of parents attending church was a factor in the development of desirable personality traits on the part of the children, and the attendance at Sunday school by the children was an even more important factor."—Baptist Bulletin.

V

THE INNER CALM

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm	Calm in my hour of pain,
While these hot breezes blow;	Calm in my poverty and wealth,
Be like the night-dew's cooling balm	Calm in my loss or gain;
Upon earth's fevered brow.	
Calm me, my God, and keep me calm,	Calm when the great world's news
Soft resting on Thy breast;	with power
Soothe me with holy hymn and psalm	My listening spirit stirs,
And bid my spirit rest.	Let not the tidings of the hour
	E'er find too fond an ear;
Yes, keep me calm, though loud and	Calm as the ray of sun or star
rude	Which storms assail in vain;
The sounds my ear that greet;	Moving unruffled through earth's
Calm in the closet's solitude,	war,
Calm in the hustling street;	The eternal calm to gain.

Calm in the hour of buoyant health,

—Horatius Bonar.

VI

It looks like the "sky is the limit" so far as Baptist Record circulation is concerned. Miss Tyler, bookkeeper in that department, places a note on our desk saying that from March 1 to March 24, twenty-one (21) new EF churches came in with a total gain of subscribers of 1006 in number. The actual number of Baptist Records printed at the end of that period stood at 41,006. Congratulations to all concerned.

Mississippi has three fine students graduating from Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas, this year. They are: Miss Sadie Lee Davis, Rev. Allen Webb and Mrs. Allen Webb.

We always like to see our fellow Mississippians brought back home for service.

Pastor V. C. Windham, Escatawpa, Mississippi, and Pastor Paul Z. Ball, Moselle, Mississippi, are two of the first pastors to write for Now Club envelopes for the June offering.

CONCERNING ORPHANAGE WORK IN CHINA

The Foreign Mission Board has received a number of inquiries as to the relation of the Board to the orphanage work which Dr. J. R. Saunders, emeritus missionary of the Board, is promoting in China. In view of the erroneous impressions which seem to have arisen about this matter, the Board deems it advisable to state that these orphanages are promoted by a non-denominational organization known as the China's Children Fund and are in no way related to our program of mission work. Dr. Saun-

ders is serving as their representative without the consent or approval of this board.

Charles E. Maddry,
Executive Secretary,
M. T. Rankin,
Secretary for the Orient.
—BR—

Madison, Wis. (RNS)—The attorney general of Wisconsin has ruled the medical aid, a provision of the state's relief program, covers any treatment of the sick and therefore encompasses Christian Science. The effect of the opinion is that county and local relief units must furnish and pay for Christian Science treatment for relief enrollees who request it.

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ERRONEOUS IDEA CORRECTED

We understand that the idea is abroad that we "are out of debt." This is erroneous. We wish to make the following statement, and the facts will be evident.

On January 1, 1944, Mississippi Baptists owed \$176,488.07.

To retire this in full by November 1, 1944, it would take a monthly average of \$17,648.81 for Now Club designations.

Contrast this with the March Now Club gifts which were \$8,711.60. You will see the thousands of dollars lacking in that item designated this month. Does this look like Mississippi Baptists are "out of debt" or not?

It will require some effort on the part of those who CARE, if Mississippi Baptists get out of debt in 1944.

—BR— BAPTISTS ARE SIXTH IN GAINS

According to a survey by the Federal Council of Churches Baptists were sixth in gains in church membership for the years 1926 to 1942.

Church of God	197.9
Evangelistic Associations ..	87.3
Mennonites	66.5
Latter-Day Saints	53.5
Adventist Bodies	52.4
Baptists	35.1
Church of Christ, Scientist .	33.0
Lutherans	26.6
Roman Catholic	23.3
Methodists	19.0
Disciples of Christ	15.8
Jewish Congregations	13.7
Presbyterians	8.8

In fact, our readers should note that Baptists are really first, for the five sects showing a greater percentage of gains are not large in numbers, and even a small numerical gain will register a large percentage gain. But the above figures do reveal some significant

facts.

1. The large gains were made by the churches that are church controlled and not man-controlled.

2. The Evangelistic - minded churches, churches that go after the lost rather than sit and wait for the lost are the fastest growing churches.

—BR— THE POPE'S PLEA

On Sunday, March 12, Pope Pius XII broadcast a twenty minute speech. The occasion was the fifth anniversary of his coronation as Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. The purpose of the speech was to plead with all concerned to spare the city of Rome from the ravage and destruction of bombs. He didn't say so but we suspect that his greatest concern was the fear that some stray bombs might strike the Vatican. It is significant that his whole plan was for property and not for people.

Concerning peace, he said:

"Once again we appeal to the responsible men in both belligerent camps not to let their names in any way be smirched by an act which history would never justify. We ask them to cast their thoughts and deeds and efforts to a peace of liberation."

A better time for a peace appeal would have been years ago. We never saw one word from him urging peace when bullying Italy was ravishing little, weak and helpless Ethiopia. When the Fascists and Catholics of Spain led by Franco were destroying Spanish cities as well as Spanish people, we saw no plea for peace from the Pope.

A recent news article stated that 4000 British churches had been damaged and destroyed by German bombs. But we recall no word of censure. The name Coventry still calls to mind the plight of a city destroyed and thousands homeless, injured or dead. But we have yet to hear a plea for peace for them.

And according to press reports, Berlin is but a shell of its former self, yet repeated bombings brought no peace plea. That was reserved for Rome.

Continuing his speech the Pope said, "... How can we believe that anyone might dare to turn Rome, this Almighty City which belongs to all fronts and to all places, and to which the Christian and civilized world is looking for light. ..."

We have no quarrel with any Catholic or others who wish to look to Rome for light. But we cannot agree that either the Christian or civilized world is looking to Rome for light. There are millions of Christians who are not looking to Rome for light. They

believe in one God, they are trusting in His Son for salvation and they are not depending on any man, be he in Rome or elsewhere, for their approach to God.

He further declared that, "This war has not spared any of the capitals of Europe. But our Rome belongs to the whole world, to the whole Christian faith. ... We doubt not that the Pope is concerned about Rome and that any damage would greatly grieve him. But we also believe that the people of London or Berlin are concerned about their city. And we also believe that the humblest tenement dweller in any city is as anxious about his home as the Pope is about his. An Associated Press reporter gave an eyewitness report from the battlefield in Italy. It was published in Collier's Magazine. Certainly this magazine has never shown any disposition to give facts that would be anti-Catholic. He declared that 776 American soldiers were sacrificed before the politicians allowed the destruction of the medieval castle of the Catholic monks. Yet the Pope made no complaint about nearly a thousand American boys whose lives were sacrificed with the hope of preserving some ancient Catholic property. We regret to hear of the destruction of any property anywhere anytime but I wouldn't sacrifice my son for all of Rome and the Vatican. The Italians went into the war voluntarily, not by compulsion. They went in when they thought England and France were beaten and hence they would "get theirs" from these supposedly helpless neighbors. "Whatsoever ye sow that shall ye also reap." If you make a bed you must lie in it. Now that the tides of war have turned against the Italians, it seems out of place for the Pope to begin to beg for Rome to be spared. It is the Germans who are to blame for any destruction around Rome. Let the plea be directed to them. As Secretary of State Cordell Hull well said:

"If the Germans were not entrenched in these places or were they as interested as we are in protecting religious shrines and monuments and in preserving the lives of innocent civilians and refugees, no question would arise. I think we all understand that Allied military authorities in Italy are dealing primarily with considerations of military necessity forced on them by the activities and attitude of the German military forces. Naturally we are as much interested as any government or any individual in the preservation of religious shrines, historic structures and human lives. I am sure that our military people have that same view."

Between sparing cities and saving the lives of many of our boys, we emphatically say, "Save those lives." Cities can be rebuilt but LIVES CANNOT. And certainly

NEW PRESIDENT IS ELECTED BY RELIEF-ANNUITY BOARD

Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board at its 26th annual meeting at the Dallas headquarters March 22. He succeeds Dr. L. R. Scarborough, former president of the Board, who was unable to attend the meeting on account of his health.

Other officers elected were Carr P. Collins and Everett G. Brown, vice-presidents; R. H. Coleman, recording secretary; Dr. George W. Truett, chairman, and Dr. W. Marshall Craig, vice-chairman of the executive committee. Executive officers elected were: Dr. Thomas J. Watts, executive secretary; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, associate executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Orville Groner, treasurer; Paul Danna, treasurer of the (Old) Annuity Fund; Knox Sherrill, attorney. Appointed were: George A. Huggins of Philadelphia, actuary; Dr. Gaston G. Harrison, medical advisor.

Appointed by the Board to serve unexpired terms are Dr. S. J. Ezell, Alabama; Dr. B. V. Ferguson, Arkansas, and Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Tennessee. Public regrets were expressed for the enforced absence of Dr. Truett and Dr. Scarborough, and gratification upon the return of Dr. Craig to his duties.

Recent changes in personnel include Dr. Jones, who has been elected secretary, and Clyde Wilson, supervisor of accounting, replacing Miss Nellie Marie Barnes, who has accepted a commission as lieutenant (jg) U. S. Naval Reserve.

The increase in assets for the year, reported Dr. Watts, exceeded that of 1930, which year witnessed a Rockefeller gift of a half-million. Total assets on December 31, 1943, were \$6,771,184.31 as compared with \$106,428.53 in 1919. The income for the year exceeded one and two-thirds million dollars, approximately half of which came from dues and contributions for the pastors' retirement plan. One-fifth of the latter amount came from Texas, which has 1,469 of the 8,182 pastors who are active members of the plan. The report shows only 331 pastors and 1535 churches in Texas unenlisted.

For the twenty participating states, less than 70 per cent of the preachers and about 40 per cent of the churches are enlisted in the retirement plan. There were 2,682 beneficiaries of the Board last year, receiving a total of \$726,870.65. Of these, there were 1,198 who received direct relief totaling \$137,242.38. There were 84 beneficiaries from Foreign Mission Board personnel. Of the ministers who have entered the retirement plan since its inauguration in 1939, 453 are now age annuitants and receive a monthly income.

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A note from Walton E. Lee states that he will attend the W. M. U. Convention in Jackson, and serve as reporter. Friends rejoice that he has recovered from his recent illness sufficiently to take up his duties again.

the refusal to bomb Rome, if such bombing meant saving American lives, would be considered by those who come back as a super double-cross.

25 Years Ago

The church at Belzoni has decided to rise and build. Last Sunday they subscribed over \$16,000 for a \$35,000 house. They have to have the full amount in a short while.

The Clarksdale church hopes to prosecute the church building plan to a completion in a short while. War conditions have hindered us much.

Ensign Vernon Booth Lowrey was married on March 27 in Texas. He is the son of Dr. B. G. Lowrey and has returned to resume teaching at the Gulf Coast Military Academy.

Dr. L. L. Gwaltney becomes editor of the Alabama Baptist and will have complete charge of it after April first. Dr. Yarborough has already greatly improved the appearance of the paper and in a short time 1,000 subscribers have been added.

It is rumored that the salaries of professors in Mississippi College are to be raised to \$2000. While we are not in possession of definite information, it appears that this is conditioned upon the expectation that the attendance next year will sufficiently increase the income to justify it. We hope the deficit in salaries already due may be made good, according to the present schedule.

WHAT IF IT WERE NOT TRUE?

What if it were not true
That He arose from out the dead,
According to the word He said?
Our days would lose their fairest bloom,
With Christ within a borrowed tomb,
If it were not true.

What if it were not true?
Our faith must rest on shifting sand,
And hope see not a better land;
Our lives have lost a mighty urge
And prove a phantom—death a dirge—
If it were not true.

What if it be not true?
'Twas vain for Him the cross to bear,
A mockery to suffer there;
It matters not if you and I
Be good or not, we live or die,
If it be not true.

What if it be not true?
Praise God! 'Tis true, Christ has arisen,
To free our souls from sin's dark prison;
He conquered death,—with Him we rise,
Press toward the goal, secure the prize,
Since He did arise!

ERNEST O. SELLERS,
Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

The April issue of The Baptist Student contains a helpful article by Chester Swor. The subject is "Challenge."

FORTY-SEVEN ADDED TO RICHTON CHURCH



East Side Mission of Richton Baptist Church, J. H. Cothen, pastor.

The revival meeting at the Richton Baptist Church, of which J. H. Cothen is pastor, closed on Wednesday night, March 15. It was conducted by Harry Lee Spencer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas. There were 47 additions during the meet, less than 10 of whom came by letter. An outstanding contributing feature of the meeting was an extension program which this church, under the leadership of its pastor, is promoting. They built a mission last summer and

are conducting a mission Sunday school. During this revival, they operated two trucks and brought around 75 people into the night services each evening. Plans are already well on the way for the establishment of another such mission in a closely adjoining community where there are about 250 people. The pastor's statement was that the attendance was the largest they ever had in the history of the church.

WATTS MEMORIAL REVIVAL WINS 129 NEW MEMBERS

At the close of the revival on March 19 we had received 129 new members, of whom 80 were for baptism. The greatest thrill of my ministry came when I baptized 53 in one service. Rev. Lloyd L. King of Orlando, Fla., preached twice daily with great power. I have known him almost 20 years and he is one of the most forceful gospel ministers. In addition to his regular services he held two services daily for the children, one for each shift of the school. He is a master story teller. It was in one of his story hours I first met and learned to love him as a boy. Attendance reached 205 in these hours. Music for the revival was under the leadership of our own beloved Ralph Young. This meeting was in connection with the First Baptist Church at Pascagoula, Norman Cox preaching; Escatawpa, Barney Walker preaching, and East Moss Point with L. G. Samsing preaching.—J. F. Brantley, pastor.

KREOLE BAPTIST CHURCH

During the past few weeks there have been eight additions to the Kreole church by profession of faith and one by letter. Recently in a service that impressed all those present the note was burned which represented the last payment on a beautiful home, which had been bought and redecorated for Pastor Jewell Golman and his family. The match was applied to the paper and it was passed from one deacon to another as it burned to ashes. The church is free of debt, and the financial condition is good. Congregations and interest are growing weekly. There will be a revival starting April 9 with Rev. Varnado doing the preaching.—Mrs. O. S. Koski, reporter.

MACON GROWS

On March 26 at the morning hour two were added to the church by profession of faith and one by letter at Macon. At the evening hour Miss Pearl Caldwell, veteran missionary, spoke to a packed house, making an unforgettable impression on those who heard her. The Sunday school under the leadership of L. L. Morgan had a grade of 80%, with the Junior department under Miss Ethel Prince, leading with 84% as their grade.—R. D. Pearson.

HOLMES COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET APRIL 30

At the Goodman Baptist Church on April 30 at 2:30 p. m. there will be a meeting of the Holmes County Baptist Sunday schools. Niles Puckett, pastor at Durant, is serving as chairman of the program committee. Other committee members are J. E. Sweaney and R. E. Irby of Durant. Special music by students from Holmes Junior College and a short business session will also have place on the program.—Mrs. W. E. Grace, Holmes County Associational S. S. superintendent.

NEW HOPE WOMEN ACTIVE

The members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the New Hope church in Sunflower county under the leadership of Mrs. J. L. Harris are actively interested in all the work. They recently placed The Baptist Record in the homes of the resident members, through their community missions department, believing that informed Baptists are inspired to do better work in the church and in the society. Religious literature has been sent to the chaplain at Parchman prison farm, also. Mrs. Schillings was formerly president of this W. M. U.—Reporter.

"THE VALUE OF A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL"

First let me tell you what a Vacation Bible school is. It is the projection of the Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday school into the week days. It runs five days a week, three hours a day, for as many weeks as possible. I would say that three weeks is ideal, two weeks is excellent, and, of course, one week is good. Let me say further that any Sunday school without a well-planned, systematic Vacation Bible school is like a bunch of ducks shut up in a field where there is no body of water for them to enjoy.

The Vacation Bible school, being an auxiliary organization to the Sunday school reaches more children of the community than any other organization of the church. It, of course, includes first of all the present membership of the Sunday school, but better than this, it will literally capture children of the community who never dreamed before of attending a Sunday school. Many of these children are won to Christ and become faithful and useful members of the church and all its organizations. Then, too, the children of other denominations will usually attend a Baptist school enthusiastically which affords an opportunity that they would not otherwise have to get an insight into the Baptist way of doing things. The Vacation Bible school supervises the play life of all these children, gives purposeful guidance to their activities, stimulates their minds in Bible study and memory work, aids in the development of the moral nature of the children that will help them to love God and be honest, faithful, obedient, regular, and reverent, and turns many hours of idleness into constructive activity. The Vacation Bible school is a great advertising agent for the church. While it ties the children on to the church, it makes the parents more interested in and more willing to support the church work.

WAKE UP PASTORS and give the little "ducks" of your church and community a nice big pond of VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL water to enjoy. There will be some good picking in it for yourself as well.

JOHN I. HILL, Pastor,
State Line, Miss.

PHILADELPHIA IS DOUBLE-A

First Baptist Church of Philadelphia has sent in the application for a Double-A Standard award for excellence in Sunday school work. The pastor, W. L. Johnson, brought the application to Jackson to the office of E. C. Williams, state Sunday school secretary, Monday morning, and received the congratulations of all the state workers who rejoice in this fine progress. The difficulty of attaining this high standard makes it a coveted award. Walker W. Jones is superintendent of the school at Philadelphia, and with his fine corps of departmental helpers deserves the praise of all who believe in efficiency in the school of God's Book. Philadelphia has held this award in times past, and will probably be the first school in the south to achieve this position in 1944.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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The message below registers a great loss to Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi as well as to the Woman's Missionary Union of the South. Mrs. Wright had planned to be one of the speakers at our State Convention this week but the Lord had a great promotion for her and she has passed on to glory.

March 29, 1944

Dear Friend:

This letter bears news that will make your heart sad, for it must tell that our dear Mrs. Carter Wright has entered into the Master's presence. Surely no servant of His could ever have had a more abundant entrance, I'm sure. And who could rejoice more in seeing Him face to face! She rests from her loved employ but the blessing of her service in and through Woman's Missionary Union will continue through time and eternity. Few among us have had as many and as varied gifts to use for the Master's service and surely none ever poured out her gifts more joyously, generously, effectively.

The transition from earth to heaven came about ten o'clock this morning in the Baptist Hospital here. The funeral will be held at the First Baptist Church in Roanoke Friday morning.

Toward the end of February symptoms developed which made Mrs. Wright accede to the judgment of her doctor son-in-law that she come again to Birmingham to consult her doctors here. She came on the first day of March and was, from that day on to the end, under the best medical and surgical care in our city. All the doctors agreed that the tumor found in the large intestine must be removed. The operation was performed March 18th and her immediate reaction was decidedly encouraging. On the fifth day her condition was not so good and for the past week she gradually grew weaker. Her daughter was here continuously and other members of the family were frequently with her.

The blanket to be used Friday is being sent by the Alabama and the Southern Woman's Missionary Unions jointly.

You will take pleasure in knowing that Mrs. Cox sent Mrs. Wright a detailed report as to contributions for clearance of Southwide debts. The report got to her late on the day preceding the operation and she praised God for the victory of W. M. U. in paying more than the one million dollars. While she, as always, gave God the glory, we know her leadership was an immeasurable factor in the achievement. Truly we thank God upon every remembrance of her.

Faithfully yours,

ETHEL WINFIELD.

We are printing a list of the full-graded W. M. U.'s in Mississippi for the calendar year of 1943. They are as follows:

BOYLE, CHARLESTON, GULF-

PORT FIRST, INDIANOLA, JACKSON FIRST, LAUREL FIRST, LONGVIEW, OXFORD, STONEWALL and TUPELO FIRST.

These churches are to be congratulated on this record made during the year of so many changes. We regret that a number who made the goal in 1942 failed this past year. Now is the time to determine your goal for this year.

The following churches have reported that during the year 1943 every resident woman member of the church made an offering to missions. They are as follows:

Antioch—Copolah county.
Artesia.
Fellowship—Jasper county.
Glenfield—Union county.
Harrisburg—Tupelo.
Heuck's Retreat—Lincoln county.
Johnston Station—Pike county.
Ludlow—Scott county.
Liberty Hill—Panola county.
McAdams.
McCool.
Merigold.
Mt. Horeb—Covington county.
New Harmony—Neshoba county.
Neshoba.
Oil City.
Pine Grove—Pearl River county.
Salem—Covington county.
Steen's Creek—Rankin county.
Tuscola—Leake county.
Union (Caesar)—Pearl River county.

ANNUAL MESSAGE TO FORMER B. M. C. STUDENTS AND FRIENDS

Concerning Mo Kwong Home For Blind Girls in China

The condition of Mrs. Graves' health is about the same as a year ago—requiring the constant attention of her efficient nurse—but the most recent news said she had not had one of her very nervous attacks for some time.

Under date of March 22, 1943, a letter from Miss Lora Clement, superintendent-treasurer of Mo Kwong Home in Macao said, "There are 34 girls and four helpers in the home, all very well and work going on as usual, but when they get sick there is a Charity Hospital with Christian doctors that takes them in and the medicines come through these free Clinics, so we feel we are most fortunate."

"At times food is short, and we went to the governor several weeks ago about government rice for Mo Kwong at a cheap price. Well, he did not grant our request but went far beyond it and gave us a letter of credit for \$2,500.00 Macao notes to be used in purchasing rice, sugar, cooking oil, and beans. That is a great help and we do appreciate this grant from the governor. He is a most pleasing personality and politeness itself and speaks good English."

I have sent to the Foreign Mission Board for cabling, this fiscal year, remittances amounting to \$4,300.00, and hope to be able to send \$700.00

more before April 1.

Miss Dorcas Lau (Lau Taal Koo), matron of the Home, wrote that they "just had to go forward on faith, and some way God has taught them great lessons—that the students seeing this marvelous working of the Lord rejoiced in Him and took courage."

Miss Clement wrote also that "one of our Christian business men gave us \$100.00 Macao money to spend for Christmas presents and dinner for the girls."

In a letter to me from Miss Dodson, under the date of July 24, 1943, she said, "The teachers and students, when they heard that Miss Lau was going to write asked that she send their special love to Mrs. Graves, Miss Anderson, and Mrs. Lowrey. Saam Koo Ma also asked to be specially remembered to each one. And they said to tell them they were very happy there and were sure God would not let them starve. Anyway they praised Him for all that had been done for them in the past, and amid hardship and suffering, they had learned to know Him better."

"Yes, they asked to be remembered to the students and teachers of Blue Mountain College."

"She said they prayed for all of us all the time."

"Miss Lau said she and Miss Clement were of one mind and heart and worked together so congenially. Each is help and company for the other."

A letter from Miss Clement dated September 14, 1943, brought news of several deaths, some with T. B. and others with beri-beri and malignant malaria. She said, "We have only 28 girls now and with thorough examination by Dr. Ip we find six are positive T. B. and seven others with weak lungs. It is distressing we have lost so many, but they have had medical attention and we are doing our best to keep it from spreading. But when one dies whom we have positive proof is saved, we praise the Lord they are saved from all the ills of this world. This is all the comfort any of us have and this is what Miss Dorcas Lau has been working for ever since she came. We do praise the Lord that many have been saved and are leading real Christian lives to the glory of God."

One of the branch Mo Kwong group in Free China has passed away also and only ten are left there. May we pray most earnestly for them—for their physical as well as their spiritual welfare.

In regard to our Whilden-Graves Memorial Mo Kwong Endowment Fund: The last \$100.00 was paid this year on one of two \$1,000.00 pledges made to our endowment some years ago, and I'm sure the balance on the other pledge will be paid.

Three individual gifts of \$100.00 each have come in, which with other gifts designated for endowment amounts to \$382.00—and by adding \$118.00 of the interest income to this, I have been enabled to send \$500.00 to the Foreign Mission Board for investment along with the \$2,000.00 sent

by the Southwide W. M. U. from the 1943 Lottie Moon offering. This makes our endowment to date amount to a little more than \$20,800.00. How it rejoices my heart to see our endowment fund grow for we are going to need a large endowment fund for the re-establishment and enlargement of the Home in Canton as soon as the war is over.

A cheering message from our great-hearted Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Charles E. Maddy, has come to me through Miss Mary Anderson of Mobile, Alabama. In this letter to Miss Anderson, he said, "Remember me to dear Mrs. Graves and tell her that when this terrible war is over we are going to assist in every way possible to re-establish the school for blind girls." How heartening this message! We thank him and we thank God for his interest in this work that lies so near our own hearts.

In regard to Support Fund: Last year, with our goal at \$2,000.00 we had a deficit of \$96.00—not as large as the \$169.00 deficit the previous year—and somehow I believe we are going to make it this year.

With our goal at \$2,000.00 again and amount received up to date (Feb. 12, 1944) \$945.52, we lack \$1,044.48, of reaching our goal but if gifts may come promptly—before April 1—I trust we shall reach our goal this fiscal year.

The gift of an old English key-winding solid gold watch of which I wrote you a year ago—to be sold and proceeds given to Mo Kwong—has not yet been sold and if you may be interested, or know of anyone who might be, I shall appreciate any information you may be able to give me.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation of your cooperation in this good work and asking your continued prayers in its behalf, I am

Most sincerely,

MRS. T. C. LOWREY,
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer,
The American Mo Kwong Board.

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READER APPRECIATES BIBLE DOCTRINES

Eupora, Miss., March 31, 1944.

Rev. A. L. Goodrich,
Editor Baptist Record,
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Bro. Goodrich:

I heartily congratulate you on the good work you are doing in giving to us that feature, "Some Great Bible Doctrines."

They are enlightening, instructive, heart warming and soul warming. That feature alone should be one of the best stimulants toward a wider circulation of the Record, to say nothing of spiritual pride it creates in the hearts of Baptists of their faith and order, based on the teachings of the Holy Writ.

Please keep the good work going for it is a weekly feast.

Cordially yours,

C. E. CARROLL.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



H. Grady Wilkes

H. Grady Wilkes Supports EVERY FAMILY Plan

Liverpool Church is Number 714

Rev. H. Grady Wilkes has been pastor of Short Creek, Bethlehem, Liverpool and Providence churches, all in Yazoo county, less than a year but three of them have the EVERY FAMILY Plan and the fourth is expected.

He recently sent the EVERY FAMILY list from Liverpool and wrote as follows: "Enclosed you will find a list of the Liverpool church to be added on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. This makes three of our churches now operating on this plan, and I am hoping to send you the Short Creek list in the very near future."

Rev. Wilkes is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute, former pastor of the Emmanuel church in New Orleans. Previous to the New Orleans pastorate he was pastor of First church, Marianna, Fla., Wewahitchica, Fla., St. Andrews, Fla., and Manderville, La.

Pastor Wilkes publishes a paper for his field but does not let it interfere with his support of The Baptist Record. Both are needed.

Yazoo county Record readers are listed as follows: ANDING 25; BENTONIA 48; BETHLEHEM 44; BLACK JACK 65; CONCORD 28; EDEN 16; HEBRON 42; LIVERPOOL 17; Melrose 6; OAK GROVE 19; OGDEN 33; OIL CITY 35; PROVIDENCE 17; Rock Branch 1; ROCKY SPRINGS 10; SATARTIA 12, and YAZOO CITY 207.

MacDonald Church, Leake County

The editor of the Record had the privilege of being with Pastor A. A. Jackson at the MacDonald church, Leake county, in their spring revival.

The rains came and the winds blew but the people stayed by the meeting. We have never seen more faithful people. What time the pastor and the writer were not stuck, we were fixing to get stuck or brushing off the mud from a previous sticking.

This church is only a few months old and is an outgrowth of a brush arbor meeting by the present pastor. They have now completed a church building and have \$300 in the bank and pledged for Sunday school rooms.

They have also made arrangements to share with the other churches of this field in paying the expenses of their pastor to the coming Convention in Atlanta. The church was built and paid for within a period of twelve months. The first item of business when the church was organized was the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Leake county Record readers are listed as follows: CARTHAGE 72; CEDAR GROVE 42; Dossville 4; FRIENDSHIP (LENA) 67; Hurricane Creek 8; Bethel 1; MacDONALD 18; Madden 1; MIDWAY 27; MT. CARMEL 11; NEW HOPE 10; New Prospect 5; NEW PROVIDENCE 19; Standing Pine 3; THOMASTOWN 68; TUSCOLA 40; WALNUT GROVE 68; MARS HILL 32; Good Hope 2; County Line 3; Union Ridge 9; Mt. Pleasant 2; Freeny 9.

Darby Does It Again—Adds No. 716

It seems that there is no stopping that man Darby. He was recently called as pastor at Fairfield church, Jones county, and almost the first thing he did was help lead them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. We understand that he was aided by Enlistment Pastor B. S. Hilbun. Writing about the matter the pastor said, "I am enclosing with this letter a list of 58 names from Fairfield Baptist Church in Jones county. This includes every family whose address we now have. Others will be added as addresses are secured."

We have Record readers in Jones county as follows: ANTIOCH 36; BEACON 62; BETHEL 17; CENTERVILLE 36; County Line 1; ELLISVILLE 123; Estabutchie 1; HARMONY 38; FAIRFIELD 57; LAUREL FIRST 420; SECOND AVENUE LAUREL 119; LOWREY CREEK 20; MOSELLE 37; MT. ORAL 28; OVETT 49; PECAN GROVE 19; PINE GROVE 47; SAND HILL 21; SHARON 30; Calvary 10; FRIENDSHIP 34; SHELTON 43; SOSO 17; SUMMERLAND 41; TUCKER CROSSING 14; WEST LAUREL 163; SOUTH LAUREL 46; BETHLEHEM 22; SANDERSVILLE 42; New Bethany 6; INDIAN SPRINGS 51, and Pleasant Grove 1.

Our 1943 Mistake

Pastor Glenn Flynt, Rt. 1, Terry, calls our attention to the fact that we have overlooked mentioning Williamsville church, Attala county, as an EVERY FAMILY church. This good church adopted the plan in June 1943 and that was about the time of the big flood of EVERY FAMILY churches. And in some way it just got by us. But as that is the only mistake we made in 1943 we are sure that this good pastor and this church will forgive us. It is by the faithful efforts of pastors and churches like this that The Baptist Record circulation has grown from 4,001 in 1935 to 40,009 in 1944.

Smith Adds Another Church

Rev. A. R. Smith is an ardent believer in The Baptist Record. Wherever he goes, he tries to lead his people to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The latest church that he has led to do this is Mizpah, in Rankin county. A letter from the clerk, Troy O. Gray, asked us to add 20 names to nine that were already subscribing.

Rankin county has Record readers as follows:

ANTIOCH 62; Barefoot 3; BRAN-

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

April, 1944

Soul Winning Revival—April 2-16
—Clarksdale—Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.

Three-day Evangelistic Conference
—April 3-5—Clarksdale.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Now Club Emphasis.

(1) Christian Literature and Church Libraries; (2) Sunday School Training Courses; (3) Relief and Annuity Board.

Tithes and Offerings.

Daily Bible Reading.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November first, 1944.

State Sunday School Convention
—April 25-28.

Sunday School Training Courses.

State W. M. U. Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson—April 4-6.

B. T. U.—Youth Week (to be observed by church any week). State Workers in One-Day Associational Contacts. Associational Executive Meetings.

Relief and Annuity Board (an offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers).

DON 39; BRIAR HILL 40; CATO 42; CLEAR BRANCH 72; PUCKETT 37; CONCORD 12; County Line 6; East Side 8; Galilee 1; Hickory Ridge 3; Johns 7; LEESBURG 42; MIZPAH 29; MOUNTAIN CREEK 29; OAKDALE 18; PEARSON 21; PELAHATCHIE 65; PISGAH 42; REHOBETH 12; RICHLAND 57; ROCK HILL 14; STEEN'S CREEK 89; UNION 31; Whitfield 1; STAR 41; Cooperville 1; BETHEL 12, and LIBERTY 18.

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THEME: "Better Sunday Schools"
MORNING

10:00 Worship and Praise C. R. Haire, C. C. Weaver, Troy Prince
10:20 Our Theme E. L. Byrd, C. M. Savage, T. D. Brown
10:25 Devotional Thought Mrs. O. M. Jones
10:45 Books and Better Sunday Schools Miss Mary Alice Bibb
11:00 The Standards and Better Schools E. C. Williams
11:20 Music H. L. Martin, R. C. Holcomb, W. A. Sullivan
11:25 Better Teaching
12:00 Adjourn

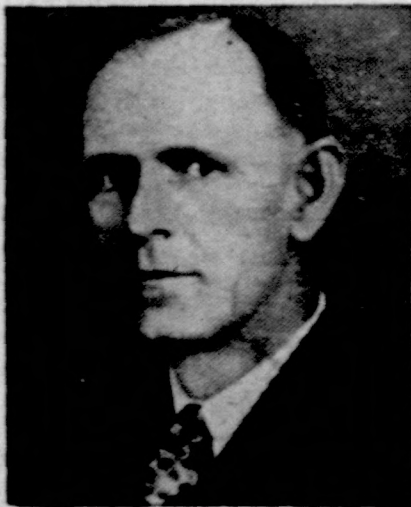
AFTERNOON

1:30 Worship and Praise C. R. Haire, C. C. Weaver, Troy Prince
1:45 Devotional Thought E. L. Byrd, C. M. Savage, T. D. Brown
2:05 Interview Conference E. C. Williams
2:20 Music D. A. McCall
2:25 The Baptist Program and Better Sunday Schools
2:55 Department Conferences
4:30 Adjourn from Conference Rooms

EVENING

7:15 Worship and Praise C. R. Haire, C. C. Weaver, Troy Prince
7:30 Devotional Thought E. L. Byrd, C. M. Savage, T. D. Brown
7:50 Interview Conference E. C. Williams
8:00 Better Administration for Better Schools H. E. Ingraham, Edgar Williamson

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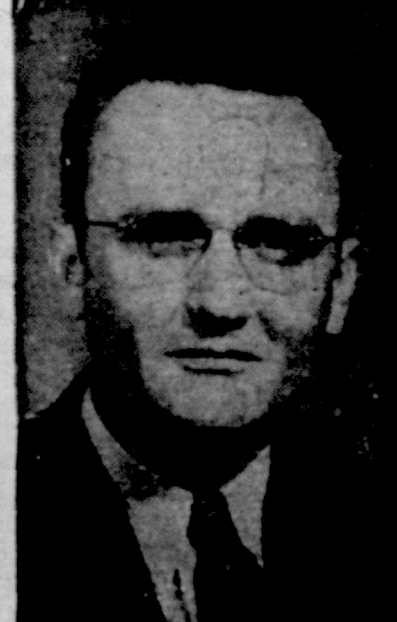
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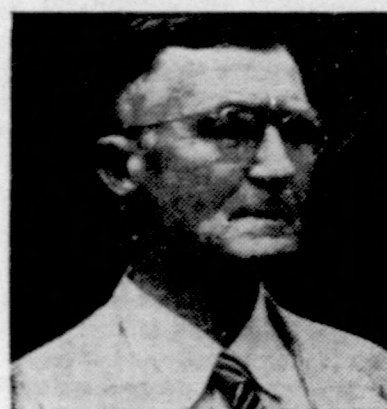


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PROGRAM—(Continued)

8:30 Announcements
8:35 Music
8:40 Better Sunday Schools and Evangelism ----- R. G. Lee
John H. Buchanan, E. H. Westmoreland
9:15 Adjourn
MORNING
8:45 Department Conferences as on Previous Afternoon
10:15 General Assembly
10:20 Worship and Praise ----- C. R. Haire, C. C. Weaver, Troy Prince
10:30 Devotional Thought ----- E. L. Byrd, C. M. Savage, T. D. Brown
10:50 Better Vacation Bible Schools ----- C. W. Thompson, W. L. Compere,
B. Frank Smith
11:15 Announcements
11:20 Music
11:25 Better Sunday Schools and the Post War World ----- R. G. Lee
John H. Buchanan, E. H. Westmoreland
12:00 Final Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Each Convention begins at 10:00 o'clock one morning and closes at noon the next day.
2. Bed and breakfast free. Write host pastor for home assignment.
3. Some speakers and Conference Leaders will attend more than one Convention. Where more than one name is listed after a subject or conference, they are given in the order the Conventions meet. Where only one name is given that person will attend all three Conventions.



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Young People's Speaking Tournament
Great variety has been allowed this year in the selection of subjects for the Speaker's Tournament, rather than one general theme with a number of possible topics under it, as you will notice below.

Each church should have an elimination contest, getting as many of the young people as possible to speak. The winner in the church will represent the church in the association, and the winner in the association will represent the association in the District Convention. If your association does not have the elimination contest, your church will be allowed to enter your winner in the District Convention. The district winners will take part in the state contest, and the winner there in turn will represent the state in the Southwide contest at Ridgecrest in 1945.

Rules to observe:

1. Contestants' must be members of the B. Y. P. U., or hold office in the Training Union (ages 17-24, inclusive).
2. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes.
3. Each speaker must compose his own speech. It is permissible to quote from material gathered from any source, but proper credit must be given for all quoted material.
4. Any one of the following subjects may be used: God on the Throne; Missions and a World in Ruins; Faithfulness in Stewardship of Possessions; America for Christ; Sharing with a Needy World; The Dangers of Materialism; The All-Sufficient Christ; The Christian Solution of the Alcohol Problem; Christ and the Peace Plans; The Power of the Christian Home; Christian Education for a Better World; What It Means to be a Christian! Good News for All Men; How Liquor Defeats Youth; Spiritual Power Through Prayer; Training for Christian Usefulness; Separation for Service; Every Life a Plan of God; The Meaning of Church Membership; Liquor, the Enemy of Our Churches; Every Christian a Witness; The Fine Art of Worship; Perils of Religious Freedom; Thy Will Be Done on Earth.
5. Contestants will be judged on three points: (1) Content 25%; (2) Composition 25%; (3) Delivery 50%.

We hope every union in the state will have the contest within the union even if it goes no farther than that. Directors will find this feature to be a helpful general assembly feature. Pastors will find it a most profitable plan to give one evening service to this feature, having the contest before the entire church. These talks will be great sermons, and destined to do good.

To Pastors and Pastors' Wives Only

Already the pastors and their wives are talking about the conference in May. Already they have been talk-

ing to us about it. Thank you wives for not letting the subject get cold, thank you pastors for drawing that ring around the date which means you **HAVE AN ENGAGEMENT FOR THAT DAY.** We sent a letter about two weeks ago to all pastors, a few in the Evangelistic Conference in New Albany said they did not receive it. **IF THERE ARE OTHERS WHO DID NOT GET IT DROP US A CARD SO WE CAN WRITE YOU FULL DETAILS.** You should have received a letter from Mr. Williams the first of this week. Did you? May 1, Pontotoc; May 2, Ackerman; May 3, First Laurel; May 4, Brookhaven; May 5, Indianola. Dinner and supper free, and 2c per mile allowed on car expense. Group together if you can and let one car bring several, come anyway though, it's for YOU regardless.

Are You a Progressive?

June is Christian Education Month all over the Southern Baptist Convention. In Mississippi we are expecting June to be our greatest month thus far in our manifested interest in this phase of our denominational work. In Mississippi we propose to raise \$150,000.00 in June which will enable us to pay every dime of our indebtedness as far as bonds are concerned. The organization is simple, the pastor of the church heads up the committee for the church. The Training Union director is on the committee, and the hope is that every director will **lay himself out** in enlisting every member of every union to have a part in this all-important cause. Properly planned, emphasized, and promoted should it not be reasonable that the offering from the Training Union should average \$1.00 per member? Some members in the union may give as much as a dollar for every member, then let the others match his gift. No goals are being set, we are asking that you set a goal for yourself, union and church and work toward that.

Those expecting to attend the assembly at Ridgecrest this summer will do well to write for reservation NOW and state which week you will attend and state what kind of reservations you desire. Lodging in the cabins with meals in the regular hotel dining room is \$1.75 a day, everything furnished. Lodging in the hotels with meals in the hotel dining room, everything furnished, are from \$2.50 up. In all cases the authorities have the privilege of placing several to the room. Write Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, N. C., and write NOW.

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THE CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

The recent meeting of the Executive Committee received official notice from the Baptists of Augusta that they would not be able to entertain the Centennial Convention in 1945, due to war conditions. The Executive Committee requested Atlanta to take the Centennial session, and the Atlanta Baptist Pastor's Conference voted unanimously to invite the Centennial Convention to meet here in 1945.

As chairman of the Convention's committee on arrangements for the Centennial session, I wish to invite suggestions from our people regarding the program we should recommend. Keeping in mind the difficulties of holding such a meeting under present emergency conditions, let us, nevertheless, think prayerfully together in doing the very best we can under the circumstances.

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to order both the plan book filler and the supplements for the leader's plan book. When you order it from The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., be sure to state whether it is for Junior leader or Intermediate leader.

Congratulations to the Cartersville church, Lebanon Association, on their recent selection of a pastor. Rev. Garland McInnis, associational director, has accepted this good church for full time. Our best wishes to pastor and church.

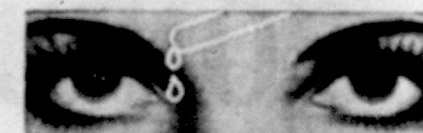
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April Emphasis

Brother Pastor and Brother Superintendent, do not overlook the fact that April is the special month in the spring of the year for Sunday school training.

There will be few things the leaders of our schools can do that will count for larger dividends than that of training the workers for their several tasks.

This quarter, which began April 1, we have a series of lessons in the life of Paul. The book FROM PENTECOST TO PATMOS is most appropriate to teach in the study class during April, since it deals with the very part of the Bible that we are studying in our Sunday school lessons for this quarter. Dr. Hight C. Moore is the author of this book, which is simply another way of saying that it is indeed well written.

Therefore, we hope that hundreds of our schools will have a Sunday school training course during April. Blanks for reporting these classes will be gladly sent upon request.

New Mission School

Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor of the Lyon and Jonestown churches in Riverside Association, gave us this interesting information recently while writing about another matter: "It might interest you to know that under the auspices of our Associational Mission program we have started a mission Sunday school out from Lyon, the school being sponsored by the Lyon church. We are using an old 'round house' that is within walking distance of all the families in that area. The first Sunday we had 29 and the second Sunday we had 32 out of 69 possibilities. We have a number of our own church members living there who have no transportation to come into Lyon, so now we are hopeful of enrolling them in that school. We are making that a part of our Extension department work."

Yes, there are literally thousands of people who could be reached for Bible study and preaching through the agency of mission Sunday schools. Many churches have organized such schools and thereby greatly enlarged their ministry through the reaching of additional people who would never be reached through the main school. There are many other churches that should do the same great thing that Lyon has done in this respect.

The Sunday School Board will give free a quarter's literature for any new school organized.

Helping Others Train

Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor at Drew, recently taught a Sunday school study course at Rome (now without a pastor) and reports a great class with much interest. This was the first such work there in many years.

The people were thrilled over the idea suggested in that book about a good Sunday school making full time work in a part time church. They plan to take a religious census and enter vigorously into an enlargement program.

Pastors help each other in revival meetings, why not do it in Sunday school study courses? The better the

Sunday school the better the work of any church. No church will do its best work without a going Sunday school, and no Sunday school will be the best without a regular program of training for those who direct it.

March Standards

We are happy to report the following standard units during the month of March: Primary Department, Meridian First, Mrs. J. R. Whitaker, superintendent; Beginner department, Philadelphia, Mrs. R. V. Taylor, superintendent; Junior department, Liberty, Mrs. Leroy Tumey, superintendent; 11 year girls, Junior class, McComb First, Mrs. Enoch J. Williams, teacher; Disciples, Junior class, Hollandale, Mrs. R. Ray Callicoat, teacher; Silver Star, Intermediate class, New Albany, E. E. Bray, teacher; God's Workers, Intermediate class, 15th Avenue Meridian, A. C. Adkins, teacher.

These schools have also joined our list of standards: Wesson, Rev. Zeno Wells, pastor, Vernon F. Hinson, superintendent; Drew, Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor, F. C. Barnes, superintendent; Mt. Creek (Rankin county), H. A. Milner, pastor, O. T. Matthews, superintendent; Knoxo, V. R. Crider, pastor, J. L. Bullock, superintendent; Clear Branch (Rankin county), Rev. W. S. Landrum, pastor, O. L. Byrd, superintendent; Pachuta, R. L. West, pastor, E. G. Palmer, superintendent.

We extend a most hearty welcome to each and all of these to our standard list, both schools as well as other units given. This is the first time in the history of Clear Branch church that the school has been standard. Congratulations to Pastor Landrum, Superintendent Byrd, and all their workers.

Almost Here

April 24-29 is almost with us. That is the week of our three Sunday School Conventions at New Albany, Philadelphia and Brookhaven. Programs have already gone to all pastors and superintendents of the state. Our people deserve the best and we have certainly tried to give it to them in these conventions, both from the standpoint of conference leaders and speakers.

We sincerely hope that the leaders of every school in the state will make definite plans to have as many of their officers and teachers as can possibly go attend the nearest convention. The host churches are giving bed and breakfast free to all who want overnight entertainment. Each person attending will provide the other meals for himself. Write host pastor for home assignment.

May 1-5

The week of May 1-5 is the time for the five conferences for PASTORS ONLY at Pontotoc, Ackerman, Laurel, Brookhaven, Indianola. Save the

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The meeting lasted only six days. In addition to the twelve sermons at the church there were seven sermons and lectures given in the high school. The attendance and response in all of the services were very satisfactory and salutary.

There were 39 definite professions of faith, twelve of these at the high school. Of the twenty-seven additions of the Sumrall Baptist Church twenty-four joined upon profession of faith and for baptism.

The conducting and solo work by Bro. Kosanke were all that anyone could want in a great revival, such as we have enjoyed. First church Hattiesburg is very fortunate to have Carl as their educational secretary and music director.

We knew we had a great state mission secretary in Dr. McCall, but since we heard him in revival work we appreciate and love him more than ever.

T. W. Talkington, Pastor.

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Some Great Bible Doctrines

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their prey to their young, but never have the high purpose that God expects of man. The fact that we are commanded in II Cor. 6:14, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," gives us His purpose to be Master and Lord of the home of His people.

Marriage was permitted of God to make home complete and to make it a place where the children shall be trained and taught His word, that He, their Maker, may be known of all men in each generation so that each successive home may be as He wanted it and for His purpose. He made home as a first unit of society and the first institution on earth; that society may be permeated with the ideals and the spirit that is taught and lived in an ideal home.

I wonder if we haven't failed in society because we have failed in our homes of America. The attractions outside draw us away from our circles until we miss the better part, and fail to sit at His feet as a unit, "In the cool of the day." The so-called harmless things of today are very harmful because they deprive us of the rich fellowship and quiet hours with Him and with the members of the family. The first home was established in a heavenly atmosphere and in a heavenly place after the pattern of man's eternal home. Man sinned and thwarted God's purpose, so he was banished from Eden. God provided a plan of redemption that man might be saved and enter into his eternal home where the fullness of His purpose will be ours.

The Lord has honored home and marriage by using it as an emblem of Himself and the redeemed when He comes to receive us as His bride. He has honored it again by placing love as the tie that binds our hearts. This seems so much like God, for He is love. The home with the highest of love reminds us of our relations with Him in Christ.

Where there is love no law has to be held over us, so if a man loves his wife he will support her, regardless of the laws governing marriage and will say, "I want to do that, you don't have to make me." It seems that God has placed the home under love and not law.

This conception of home here seems just like our relation in the family of God when we find ourselves under grace and not under law; and hear Jesus say, "If ye love me ye will keep my commands."

He has honored home and marriage by saying, "What God has joined together let not man put asunder." That sounds again that the home shall be true to His purpose and under His care as Lord of it. We read in Romans 8 that nothing can separate us from the love of God and He demands that we shall not let man dissolve the high purpose of home ties and its purpose.

As you read this—"if you do"—examine your own home and see if it meets God's purpose. If it fails let Him make it over according to His plan.

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"B. S. U. Business College Style" is the title of a very interesting article in the April Baptist Student magazine. The author is Mrs. Henry E. Love, Jackson.

THE RISEN CHRIST

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Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again unto their own house.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

And they said unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, said unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou has laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the



John Newport

Clinton Baptists are preparing for the coming of their new pastor, John Newport, and his wife the first week in May. He will preach his first sermon on May 7. The new pastor is a native of Missouri and a graduate of William Jewell, where he played varsity football and basketball and won distinction as a debater. He was awarded a scholarship in law to Harvard but instead, answered the call to the ministry and entered Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, where he is now completing his Th.D., having already received his Th.M. degree. He has served as Teaching Fellow in New Testament during his stay in Louisville and has been pastor of two half-time churches. He has also done church and Sunday school administrative work under the Kentucky State Board. Admirably fitted for pastor in a college town, Dr. Newport has been a member of the focus week teams in the Southern Baptist colleges under the Baptist Student department, and has led in youth revivals in Missouri, North Carolina, Kentucky and other states.

Mrs. Newport was Eddie Belle Leavell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leavell of Nashville. As secretary of the Southern Baptist Student work, her father has done distinguished service. She attended Ward-Belmont and graduated at Meredith College in North Carolina. As one of a group of college students attending the World Baptist Youth Conference at Zurich, Switzerland, she traveled extensively in Europe and Palestine. She has done social service work in Nashville and Louisville and assisted in youth revivals and work in the Seminary classes.

midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

—JOHN Chapter 20.

EASTER—FOR THE ORPHANAGE

By Mrs. W. G. Mize

Because of so many requests, I gladly offer a few suggestions regarding Easter at the Orphanage. Since spring is here, girls are eager to put away heavy skirts and sweaters in favor of bright new prints. If your circle, society or class would have a happy part in this transformation, send to the Orphanage some fresh cotton or wash silk dresses to make hearts glad for spring time. All sizes are acceptable, but those really needed are from 10 years to 16 years of age. If you do not feel inclined toward dresses, slips and pajamas offer you an opportunity. These dresses will be arranged according to sizes, and types on racks in our commissary. Each girl will have the privilege of making her own selection and equality will be the keynote. Into your box, place a few pair of low-heel walking shoes, especially for the Junior-Intermediate miss.

Where are the boys? Oh! they are here, too. But we want the ladies to be treated first according to an old Southern custom. It is time for sport shirts, polo shirts, slack suits or whatever the young man from 6 to 16 will be able to wear. Wash trousers will replace the corduroy and woollens. Our experience has been that there is a scarcity of boys' clothes on the market. Our little boys 3 to 12 need pajamas and summer underwear. Have you any outgrown boy's shoes sizes 1½; 2; 2½; 3; 3½; 4 and 4½ that are still good? Just stick them into the corners of your box.

We try always throughout the year to implant into the life of every boy and girl here, the love of Jesus, His death and glorious resurrection. Easter will not be the only time they are told that the Lord is risen indeed.

It is, however, always the season that some children receive many beautiful garments. We have the same concern for all and we hope you will supply "The Commissary" and then the children will receive fair and just treatment.

May our Easter parade not be a time for trifles, but may there be a true parade of loyal, happy, joyous, grateful children with hearts full of love for their Lord and for Mississippi Baptists who love and serve Him by helping "OTHERS."

—BR—

FOR SALE: 21 hardwood, used church pews. Write Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

A. Sidney Johnston is beginning his seventh year as pastor of Davis Memorial church in Jackson. Offerings the first years were \$5,109.60. Last year offerings totaled \$9,153.46. Total additions for the six years have been 702. Of this number 314 were by baptism. On April 2 a special offering for a new building "if and when" was taken. The amount received was \$821.54.

From Evangelist A. D. Muse of Memphis we learn that J. T. Renfroe has been called as pastor at Shaw. Brother Muse speaks in highest terms of him.

In several states, and has taken grad-Mississippi Baptists join Clinton in welcoming this outstanding young couple.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for April 9
CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH
Mark 16:1-8; I Cor. 15

Introduction.

To single out a single event and say of it, "This, now, is the greatest thing that ever happened," is to make for any occurrence a tremendous claim. But we can say under permission of the highest authority that the resurrection of Jesus is one event upon which hangs and hinges all Christian hope, and without which our faith is all in vain, and our estate as followers of Christ, most pitiable. The resurrection is the anchor of our hope, our hope of our resurrection, hope of a body of glory in place of the body of our humiliation, hope of life eternal forever with the Lord. His resurrection is the pledge and assurance of our own, our title clear to the crowns of rejoicing and the mansions of glory which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give in the day of our glorification.

I. Proof. Mark 16:1-8; Matthew 28; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-19; I Cor. 15.

This is clear and convincing, such evidence as submitted in a court of law would be conclusive against all legal assaults designed to dislodge or obscure it. One fine lawyer after another has examined these records and have declared that the evidence of the resurrection, the fact of it, is indefeasible. The evidence of no other event in ancient history is so well attested or conclusively documented as this. No theory erected against it has been able to stand in the opinions of competent judges of truth or probability. We note among others the theories that:

1. He swooned on the cross and revived in the grave, from which He went out when he had sufficiently recovered. But as clear as any other connected with the account is the incident of the piercing of His side by a spear in the hands of a soldier. This wound in the heart would have produced instant death, had there been no other cause of it. And the grave was closed by a great stone door, not slung upon a hinge but rolling on a rounded edge in a groove cut close to the bottom of the door, this stone shutter being comparatively smooth on the inside, affording, therefore, no purchase for gripping fingers to apply themselves unto. The women who came to the tomb on the morning of the resurrection were bothered by the problem

of this stone door shutter, knowing that their combined strength would be far from sufficient, with all the advantage that their position outside the tomb would give them, to roll away this shutter. How, then, can anyone believe that a man, weary, at least three days without food or water, and just recovered from a swoon, from the inside roll that stone shutter away from the door?

2. His disciples stole His body away.

A fact of which the women who came early to the tomb were undoubtedly unaware was that the Roman authority had affixed a seal to the shutter and the side or top of the door, thus publishing to all who might look upon it that the shutter was forbidden by Roman authority to be moved. His disciples would not have dared so flagrantly to have violated Roman law. And His disciples did not expect to use His body. Of what earthly use to them would His body have been, except to remind them of happier days they had spent with Him, now sadly and forever gone? And again, all the conduct of all the disciples after the report of His resurrection, show that they had no hope of its occurrence. When the women who were early at the tomb came back to the company and told the other disciples, not one of them believed the report of the women, but set their story down as woman's gossip (Luke 24:11). Those doubting Thomases had to be convinced that Jesus had been raised, and it took oral, visible, factual evidence to do it. And still again, how could the perpetrators of so palpable fraud have drawn from its perpetration the leonine courage and indomitable purpose which characterized these men and women after the resurrection?

II. Pregnancy. John 16:7; Acts 2:32-36; Acts 3:14-16; Romans 8:11; I Corinthians 15:13-19.

Here is an event so weightily fraught with truth for the Christian that to disprove its occurrence would deal death to the Christian religion. The body of Christianity would have had no vitality had the body of its founder remained to undergo corruption in the grave. There never would have been any such thing. It would be rather difficult to convince a living man that he is not living, and it would be just as difficult to convince a living church of Christ that she is not living; but, if such thing were possible as to prove that the resurrection is a myth, the body of Christ on earth would die, the living Christ being its vital breath, and the star of hope in the soul's horizon of the individual Christian would fade into rayless darkness.

III. Power. Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:7, 8; 2:32-36; Matthew 28:18-20.

To our Lord after His resurrection was delivered all authority to wield all power, both in heaven and on earth. It was and is in His resurrection state that He exercises all power. It is because and only because of His session at the right hand of the Father that He holds and wields the scepter of His kingdom. And it is only because of the position which He achieved by virtue of His resurrection that He confers upon His servant here the authority to employ the power in which they reduce the strongholds of wickedness in the world, in which they conquer the foes within and without them, in which

A REASSURING WORD FROM CHINA

M. T. Rankin, Secretary for the Orient

Reassuring word comes from Dr. R. E. Beddoe, field representative of the Foreign Mission Board in China, concerning the personal support which the Board is providing our missionaries. In a letter to thank friends for some special funds sent to him and Mrs. Beddoe, he wrote, in part, as follows:

"From your letter I judge you have a rather black picture of our present situation. We both regret this very much. The actual fact is that we have suffered no privations. Our Foreign Mission Board is providing for all their missionaries in China adequately.

"I write these things not to minimize your lovely gifts or to show any lack of appreciation, but in order that you may know that we are not suffering any hardships to speak of. True, prices, in terms of this money, are very high indeed. But our Board is making due allowance for this situation.

"I sincerely hope you will convey to each and every dear friend who had a part in this gift our understanding and gratitude. We have never sought special gifts, finding during thirty-four years of experience that our Board looks after us better than any other Board operating in China. We have always made our appeal for the support of the Board's program, for Christ's sake and not our sake."

The Foreign Mission Board appreciates this fine statement from Dr. Beddoe and heartily endorses it. Specially designated gifts for individual missionaries, both for mission work and personal use, constitute a serious problem. They frequently cause great inequalities and injustices among the missionaries personally and in their work.

they rescue the perishing from bondage to the devil. What power soever is the Christian warrior's panoply and potency as he wars his warfare for his Lord and King, is his because "Now hath Christ been raised from the dead." Without this resurrection, prayer in the name of Jesus would mean nothing except a request in the name of one who long since died a failure in his aims. Without the resurrection, the gospel would be an idle tale, told, perhaps, with sound and fury, but signifying nothing, with no power to save, no power to lift, no power to inspire to righteous living. IV. Perfection. I Corinthians 15:12-58; II Timothy 1:6, 12.

Our final complete salvation is guaranteed by the resurrection, and nothing else. When Paul reminded the Romans (Rom. 13:11) that their salvation was nearer than when they first believed, he was thinking of this salvation from a bodiless existence, however felicitous that may be, into the glorified bodies into which Christ is one day to make perfect all those who have believed in Christ.

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J. Niles Puckett

DR. PUCKETT ACCEPTS DURANT PASTORATE

The work of Dr. J. Niles Puckett in the church at Brooksville, where he recently resigned to accept the work at Durant was outstanding, and was characterized as "four of the most fruitful years in the history of the church." We quote some sentences from a letter of one of the members regarding his work there:

"Dr. Puckett came to Brooksville directly from the Southern Seminary, having completed his resident work for the doctorate, which degree was conferred upon him when his thesis was completed. Under the capable and consecrated leadership of Dr. Puckett and his splendid wife, who was formerly Louise Bush of Pinola, more than 100 members were added to the church. A fully graded Training Union was organized, the church debt was retired, and an eight-room annex was built and paid for. In addition arrangements were set up for two school buses to bring people to the church for morning and evening services. Dr. Puckett was Training Union director for his association and also moderator of the Noxubee County Baptist Association. He is serving as state president of the Mississippi B. T. U. at this time."

—BR—

LIQUOR AND DRUNKENNESS CLOSE DOWN MOTOR PLANT

Liquor Advocates Who Promised a Sober Nation With the Return of Liquor Fail In Their Promises

6000 Out of the 8000 Employees of Continental Motor Plant Too Drunk to Work Christmas Week

Detroit, Dec. 25—(INS)—The Continental Motors Corporation, a war plant scheduled to operate Christmas day, was closed because 6,000 of its 8,000 employees were too-intoxicated to work, according to company officials.

A spokesman said widespread drunkenness among workers, which began on the morning and afternoon shifts yesterday as a holiday celebration, forced the company to stop production. Valuable material, particularly in precision work, might have been ruined if the workers were permitted to continue, he said.

Employees of the company, it was pointed out, have been working eight hours a day, seven days a week, with no time off for holidays.

A MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

Howard Scarborough

"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14).

We are young today; but that won't be long. Let's take for example two boys, one of whom is smoking. He blows the cigar smoke in the other's face until it is smoked up, then offers it to the other. That is the way a person does when they throw away their life until they are old, then offer it to God.

We won't live long at the most. Life on earth is a kind of vapor that soon vanishes away. This life is a time to remember thy Creator. We pass through this life here on earth very quickly to live millions and millions and millions of years in the most wonderful glories of heaven or the most terrible agonies of hell. The prophet of old said, "Prepare this day to meet thy God." Let's be ready when Christ comes, if He should come before we die. Christ Himself said, "Watch and be ready for I come as a thief in the night." Let this be our motto always—True to Christ. Let's remember in the days of our youth our Creator.

When Christ was preaching His Sermon on the Mount, He said, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). Youth is the hope of the world today. We will be running the world tomorrow. We will be the fathers, the mothers. Let's make our homes Christian so our sons won't have to fight. How can we do it? Christ answers that when He said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

Temptations are numerous today. Many of them come as wolves in sheep's clothing. Let's fight temptations and not yield to them.

Remember Christ as He prayed. Our prayer lives are too small. When we think of a man as powerful as Christ was and yet He felt the need of prayer many times, we should realize how weak we are.

Toward the close of Christ's life on earth, He prayed for all Christians that were ever to be (John 17). In Gethsemane, He prayed while His agony was blood. He said, "Whosoever cometh to me, I will in no wise cast away."

The Christ that came to do good, and who did nothing but good was sold by one of His disciples for a very small amount of money. How often we today would condemn Judas justly, but we are disciples of Christ and we sell Him for questionable amusements. We go to bad picture shows, many are gambling today, many are drinking today, and doing hundreds of other things. We are guilty of selling Christ today. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord hath laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity of us all (Isa. 53:6).

We must prepare today for that time when we will meet Christ. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).

"Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot
Oh, Lamb of God, I come, I come."



Dr. S. E. Tull

DR. TULL IS COMING HOME

Dr. Selsus E. Tull has resigned a very fruitful two-year pastorate of the First Baptist Church of West Helena, Arkansas, effective April 15. Dr. Tull announces that he is quitting the pastorate for good, and he and Mrs. Tull will locate permanently at Jackson, Mississippi. He will be available for any extra services he may be invited by pastors to churches to render throughout the South. During his career, Dr. Tull has been pastor of prominent churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee and Kentucky. He has been highly connected in denominational activities and was for a few years widely used as an evangelist throughout the South. He is also a widely read author. His new address will be: Leavell Woods, R. 5, Jackson, Mississippi.

—BR—

MRS. D. T. FARRELL

On March the 13th the Recording Angel gently turned the pages of life, and have written "Finis" to the career of Alice West Farrell softly closed the covers and placed the book on Memory's shelves.

Mrs. Farrell loved her church with a devotion characteristic of an earnest Christian. She gave to her church the unmixed service of a devoted heart, she was so willing, so unassuming, so gentle, so faithful as to be an inspiration to others.

She will always be remembered as a gentle lady, tender as a flower, always moving motherly among those who needed her—to recall her virtues is like reading a rosary of loveliness—to her, duty was a sacred word and her devotion to it was like the faithfulness of the stars, the patience of the mountains, the strength of the everlasting hills. She was patriotic, she had given her sons and her son's sons to serve the Flag. And even in her 83rd year stood when the National Anthem was sung, forgetting crippled joints.

We drop a tear and plant a flower, and breathe a prayer that we shall think as she thought, shall love as she loved, shall live as she lived, that when our summons comes to join the innumerable caravan that moves to the pale realms of shade, where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, that we shall go—

Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Mrs. J. A. Woods.

—BR—

Rev. W. W. Kyzar, Jr., has resigned the work at Schlater and Money and accepted the pastorate at Holden, Louisiana. We regret to lose Bill.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS AND CLASSES

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. In John 20:26, we read, "After eight days," etc. On this day Jesus met with the disciples. Can you name the day?

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2. We are told that Jesus was born in the days of Herod's reign (Matthew 2:1). According to this, in what year was Jesus born?

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3. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him," etc. (Isaiah 52:7). Where in the Bible will you find an almost similar quotation.

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4. By what other name would you call the "olive tree" as mentioned in I Kings 6:23?

UNION CHURCHES DO NOT PAY O. W. Yates, Th.D.

Rural Baptists are demanding separate church buildings and organizations, for the union church does not pay. In the country districts where union churches have failed, individual churches have grown up and are succeeding. Those worshipping in a union church must practice denominational disloyalty or they will have trouble and inefficiency.

Union church life brings compromises and produces disloyalty. Two men or two churches can walk together only as far as they are agreed. Union churches must necessarily ask the best men and women in its various component group to violate their conscience. Those who have no denominational conscience would be the logical persons around which to build a union church but these show the least scriptural qualifications for leadership.

There are those who claim that doctrinal differences amount to nothing, but this very soon reduces the leadership to a state of mind where they are not interested in the Lord's work. A Baptist membership which believes in regenerated membership, baptism by immersion, a democratic form of government, and other scriptural doctrines, will be very unhappy with Methodists, Presbyterians or any other group who disagree on the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. James Russell Lowell says that "Compromise makes a good umbrella but a poor roof." Rural church life in the South needs a roof rather than an umbrella. We must develop a great civilization with moral and spiritual purposes.—Arkansas Baptist.

—BR—

HINT FORMATION OF CHRISTIAN VETERANS' LEAGUE

Philadelphia—(RNS)—Possible organization after the war of a league of Christian veterans of World War II was indicated here by spokesmen for the Service Men's Christian League, interdenominational agency serving Protestant chaplains and military personnel.

According to league officials, an increasing number of letters from officers and men in the service express a desire for the creation of such a body.

The post-war agency, it was stated, may involve the continuation of the present Service Men's Christian League.

SOME CHARGES AGAINST THE CHURCH AT CROSS ROADS J. W. Lee, Batesville, Miss.

The charges I bring against a certain Mississippi Baptist Church can be proven by actual records, but the church is not known by the name of Cross Roads. I have given it that name for reasons satisfactory to myself.

Charge Number 1

In securing the present pastor the church at Cross Roads did not observe the usual procedure governing Baptist churches.

Their former pastor died May 6, 19— They did not invite some preacher who "wanted to change fields" to come and preach a "trial sermon" that they might look him over to see (a) if his clothes fit; (b) if his pants were creased; (c) if his shoes were shined; (d) if his tie and suit matched in color; (e) if his gestures were graceful; (f) if his English was perfect, and (g) if he displayed a personality that would attract a crowd.

How They Secured Their Pastor

They met twice each week—at the Sunday school hour on Sunday and the prayer hour on Wednesday night—and prayed to their Heavenly Father to send them a pastor of His choosing.

While continuing to pray from week to week they contributed the salary to the widow of their former pastor. They continued praying and giving until the first Sunday in August, when an outstanding Christian lawyer, a member of one of the greatest families Mississippi ever produced and the teacher of the men's Bible class suggested that a ballot be taken without any nomination and if any felt that God had laid any preacher on their heart they were to write his name down on their ballot, and those who had no impressions were to cast a blank ballot; and if a majority of those voting voted for the same preacher, he was to be considered God's choice. The suggestion was accepted and the ballot was accordingly taken.

There were six blank ballots. More than ninety-five per cent of those voting voted for the same preacher. Seven men from the church sought an interview with the preacher and in detail notified him of their call and requested him not to give an answer until he had prayed over the matter as earnestly as they had. All present got down on their knees and prayed for divine guidance.

Not a word was said about a salary, moving expenses, length of vacation, expenses to the Southern Baptist and State Baptist Convention, etc.

Without much delay the preacher accepted the call so out of line with Baptist custom.

My charge is that if Baptist custom is Baptist law then the call extended by the church at Cross Roads was unlawful.

Charge No. 2

The said church does not follow the Baptist custom in collecting money for church and kingdom enterprises. In other words, they will not adopt a budget nor put on an every member canvass. They insist that in this dispensation of grace God's children should voluntarily put their Heavenly Father's money in His (the church) treasury "as He has

prospered them," and that any enterprise which cannot be financed by free will offerings should not be taken. This is not Baptist custom.

Charge No. 3

Not having a budget and an every member canvass, no pledge is made in any way to support the Cooperative Program, the Now Club, or any church or kingdom enterprise. It is true that the said church last year gave more to denominational causes than they spent on themselves or at home.

It is true that the records in Secretary McCall's office show that the said church, though only a half-time church, gave more to denominational causes last year than all the churches combined in any one of seven associations in Mississippi. It is true that by free will offerings alone the said church has in its "general fund" enough money to do the church nearly a year at its present rate of expenditure. In addition to this, the said church has about \$3000 in cash and government bonds to start a much needed addition to the present Sunday school annex just as soon as the war is over. While it is true that their giving "as the Lord prospers" has produced desired results, the fact remains that it is not our Baptist custom.

Charge No. 4

The said church did not keep step with their sister churches in their method of contributing to the Now Club. In other words, the said church did not organize every agency or department of the church and secure a signed pledge from each member of the church as the promoters of the Now Club requested, but made only voluntary free will offerings to the club. The amount asked for by the Now Club was \$1,200. It is true that the full amount of the apportionment has been paid long ago and small amounts are still being contributed over and above the apportionment, yet the fact remains that the said church did not support the Now Club in our Mississippi Baptist way.

Charge No. 5

The said church has kept their pastor entirely too long according to Baptist custom.

He has long since passed the retirement age of sixty-five to sixty-eight and yet instead of "laying him on the shelf," the said church has voluntarily, without consulting him, increased his monthly check twice since he passed the four score milestone of life.

Charge No. 6

The pastor of the said church does not attend the deacons meetings unless specially invited. He gives as his reason that he is God-called to pray and preach the words, and that the deacons are church-called to attend to all the material affairs of the church. Neither does the said pastor attempt in any way to direct the activities of the Women's Missionary Society. The women have only his hearty encouragement and cooperation.

He gives as his reason for his attitude toward the deacons and the women's society, that a Baptist church is a divine, self-governing institution, with Christ as its head, the New Testament as its law, the Holy Spirit as its guide, and not a human institution with a fallible preacher as its director.

A CALL TO PRAYER Charles E. Maddry

At the monthly meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in the Mission House, in Richmond, Virginia, on February 10, 1944, earnest and prayerful consideration was given to the plight of the eight missionaries and a baby still in the custody of the Japanese in occupied China and the Philippines, and the three in Macao. The names and addresses of these missionaries are as follows:

Chapei Assembly Center, Shanghai, China:

Miss Elizabeth Hale.

Camp Holmes, Baguio, Philippine Islands:

Rev. and Mrs. Hugo H. Culpepper.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Dyer.

Mrs. Rufus Gray and Billy.

Miss Fern Harrington.

Miss Cleo Morrison.

Macao, China:

Rev. and Mrs. John L. Galloway.

Miss Lora Clement.

The board instructed the executive secretary to send out a call to the pastors and churches of the Southern Baptist Convention requesting that earnest and unceasing prayer be offered to Almighty God for the preservation and speedy deliverance of the faithful messengers of the cross who, because of their fidelity to Christ and His gospel, are now in Japanese concentration camps. We firmly believe that the seventy-nine missionaries who came home on the Gripsholm in August, 1942, and December, 1943, were prayed out of prison by Southern Baptists. The united, fervent prayers of Southern Baptists can open prison doors for these who are still behind barbed wire and prison bars.

Seventy-nine have been delivered; but eleven and a baby still are under the control of the Japanese. Prayer can yet open prison doors and set the captives free!

—BR—

S.O.S.

By

Alfred Carpenter, Superintendent
Baptist Chaplains

The Navy asks Southern Baptists for an additional 193 chaplains during 1944, requesting 70 to be supplied this month.

We have acres of men in the Navy without chaplains. I know of one spot where 52,000 men have only eight chaplains. At the Navy Chaplain's School, Baptists, both Northern and Southern, have only 5 per cent in this class when we should have 171-2 per cent.

The Endorsement Committee has forwarded to the Navy an average of four applications per month for the past eight months. The decline in

ELEVEN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS ENROLL 13,894

Eleven Sunday schools, enrolling 13,894

According to Dr. E. P. Alldredge in The Quarterly Review, the eleven largest Sunday schools in Mississippi in 1942 were:

Vicksburg, First (Hinds-Warren)	922—J. W. Jordan, Jr., Vicksburg
Laurel, West (Jones)	1,041—Horace Headrick, Laurel
Laurel, First (Jones)	1,044—Sam Lindsey, Laurel
Tupelo, First (Lee)	1,116—No report
Clarksdale (Riverside)	1,161—C. S. Longino, Clarksdale
Jackson, Griffith Memorial (Hinds-Warren)	1,173—J. L. Mahaffey, Jackson
Greenville, First (Deer Creek)	1,175—John D. Davis, Greenville
Meridian, First (Lauderdale)	1,375—R. H. Phillips, Meridian
Columbus, First (Columbus)	1,394—W. N. Puckett, Columbus
Jackson, Calvary (Hinds-Warren)	1,699—J. P. Williams, Jr., Jackson
Jackson, First (Hinds-Warren)	1,794—Harvey McGehee, Jackson

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page 12.

1. ("After eight days"): It was on the first day of the week, and, after the eighth day, as mentioned, it would be on Sunday.

2. (Year of Jesus' birth): Born during the reign of Herod the Great, the birth of Jesus was in the year 4 B. C., the death of Herod the Great occurring the same year.

3. ("How beautiful upon the mountains"): The similar quotation appears in Nahum 1:15, about six decades before the composition of Isaiah's book.

4. Olive tree: The name of the tree mentioned has been translated as "oily tree," or "oil tree." This oil was an important product and was used for many purposes, such as the illumination of the candlesticks, tabernacle, the ark, the table, the altar. This oil was also used in anointing kings, high priests, etc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Laurel First	409	108
Van Winkle	143	58
Cross Roads (Webster)	48	
Louisville	467	76
Grenada		92
Crystal Springs	462	112
West Side Natchez	100	37
Rocky Creek (George)	114	33
Watts Memorial	443	88
Second Avenue Laurel	331	115
Ramah (Franklin) (March 26)	96	92
Ramah (Franklin)	52	52
Concord (Franklin)	73	35
Shelton (Jones)	75	22
Bogue Chitto (Pike)	81	100
West Laurel	528	122
Gulfport	454	144
New Albany	573	154
Jackson First	1004	240
Calvary	971	203
Griffith Memorial	591	329
Oil City	80	58
Parkway	508	150
Bogue Chitto (Pike) (Mar. 26)	109	92
New Haven (Hinds) (Mar. 26)	57	
Enon (Panola) (March 26)	55	40
Crowder (March 26)	111	46
Wallerville (March 26)	83	30
West Laurel (March 26)	451	103

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Hugh A. Brown, Brookhaven; Rev. W. E. Green, Brookhaven; W. R. Butler, Hattiesburg; Dr. L. O. Todd, Decatur; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Joe H. McCully, Louisville, and Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia.

Southern Baptist qualified candidates for Navy chaplaincy and the urgent need of a Baptist ministry in the Navy should be a matter of earnest prayer by our churches as well as qualified pastors. S.O.S.



Blue Mountain, Miss.: Blue Mountain College is stressing National Wild Life Week by picturing here some of the "wild" life on the campus: (standing) Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, student secretary of the college, and her sister, Mary D. Wilds.

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MRS. ALICE SCREWS

The death of Mrs. Alice Screws of Yazoo City, Miss., has brought grief to all who knew her. She passed away Sunday, January 16, after a long illness. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Lues March, of Rt. 3; a son, Clark Screws, of Anding, four grandsons and two granddaughters.

She died at the age of 93, loved by all who knew her. She was a lovely character, a good church worker, kind and considerate to everyone and a shining example to all.

In Memory of Her

We cannot be sorrowful because she didn't live a full life. For she lived to a ripe old age, was a lovely mother and a faithful wife. She was an example of courage, to all who knew her ways. She confirmed at all times that saying, that to do good always pays. She lived by the golden rule and was active in her church work. She was a very devoted Christian and her duty she never shirked. She was kind and considerate to all, we know a crown she has won. We can hope our life is much like hers, when our work on earth is done.

Written by her niece,

Mrs. Estell Cook,
Spanish Fort, Miss.

MRS. DAISEY WINSTEAD KNIGHT

Mrs. Daisey Winstead Knight, 21, passed away at Foster General Hospital in Jackson Friday, February 18, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held from Shiloh church, conducted by Rev. I. R. Moore, of Pelahatchie, assisted by Rev. A. J. Boyles of Moss Point, Rev. J. P. Payne of Creole and Rev. V. S. Coleman of Foxworth.

Mrs. Knight was a member of Concord Baptist Church, a graduate of Cross Roads high school, and at the time of her death was employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Jackson. She was a young woman of devout Christian character and her untimely passing, which came as a shock, brings grief not only to the heartbroken members of her family but to a host of friends. She is survived by her husband, Clyde H. Knight, who is serving in the United States Army "somewhere in England"; her mother, Mrs. Susie Winstead, and three sisters, Tiny and Agnes, of Pelahatchie, and Mrs. Carl Crye of Shreveport, La. Pallbearers were: Oree, T. J. Wayne, Cassell, Kade, and Brantley Winstead, uncles of the deceased.



Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 17—Auber J. Wilds, Jackson, State Baptist Training Union director, with some of the summer workers he recruited at Blue Mountain College when he

visited the campus last week. Left to right: Barbara Ely, Itta Bena; Jean McCarty, Birmingham, Ala.; Dot Smith, Carthage; Margaret Pritchard, Liberty; Edna Mae Gunter, Sallis.

MORE ABOUT A CLEAN FAIR

Recently we printed an article written by a mother, regarding things being brought to the State Fair that tend definitely to contribute to the much-discussed "juvenile delinquency," in which she raised the question as to where some of the blame for this situation may rest. A father has sent in a similar plea for clean fairs. We quote excerpts from his letter:

"I was reading in The Baptist Record, page 8, March 9 issue, the letter from the mother pleading for a clean fair. I could not but endorse what she said. I wish to add another thing in which juvenile courts may well be interested at the fair grounds—gambling. Last year at the South Mississippi Fair my wife and I walked through the grounds and much to our surprise we saw small boys from the age of 10 years, (perhaps younger) and older, being robbed by thugs at 'BINGO TABLES,' and other gambling devices at this fair. We saw police officers in uniform walk up to these tables, see what was going on, and walk away. (We wondered what they were there for.) I am praying that those officials who do have respect for the younger generation, and for God, will do something about this crime which goes on every year at our fairs. . . . I have a young son, and I shudder to think of his being thrown into such environment. . . . Unless something is done to prevent the wrong impressions on the little fellows who can be easily influenced, then God pity the next generation." A Friend to All Boys.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

It has been the pleasure of the Lebanon Association pastors to have in our midst for the past 15 years, Rev. J. A. Barnhill, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss. Bro. Barnhill has been one of our leading pastors, teachers and evangelists. He has resigned Main Street Baptist Church in order that he might enter the evangelistic field. We pastors feel that our loss is Mississippi and Southern Baptists' gain. We very highly recommend him to all Mississippi and Southern Baptist Churches.

Signed:

The Lebanon Association Baptist Pastors' Conference
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
E. M. Bilbo, President,
C. S. Moulder, Secretary.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

C. L. Nicely, Sturgis, Ky.
J. H. Turner, Centerville, Tenn.
Joseph Stiles, Park Place, Houston, Texas.

A. A. Brian, Brownfield, Texas.
Boyd Eldridge, Hampton, Ark.
W. L. Leach, Marshall, Ark.
Don Williams, Rosebud, Ark.
E. F. Perry, Rockingham, N. C.
F. Kroeber, Tabernacle, Greensboro, N. C.

H. M. Roach, Bethany, Newellton, La.

J. D. Moore, Calvary, Baton Rouge, La.

J. C. Parham, Maysville, Ga.
Byron Wilkinson, Griffin, Ga.
Montague Cook, LaGrange, Ga.
M. G. Wilson, Northwest, Atlanta, Ga.

J. L. Robinson, Lancaster, Ky.
F. J. Hendricks, Tabernacle, Cartersville, Ga.

Doyle Farrell, Carter, Okla.
Ralph E. Powell, Ellington, Mo.
Hugh R. Bumpass, Capitol Hill, Oklahoma City, Okla.

C. A. Ticer, Prague, Okla.
Kenneth Hawkins, Russell, Okla.
Joe PaskVan, Michigan Avenue, Chickasha, Okla.

John W. Outland, Trenton, Ky.
W. Fred Hinesley, Calvary, Gastonia, N. C.

W. C. Binford, Seguin, Texas.
Wm. Deaton, DeValls Bluff, Ark.
Ray Y. Walden, Lake Butler, Fla.

Resigned

C. L. Nicely, Dresden, Tenn.
J. H. Turner, Oak Grove, Covington, Tenn.

J. E. Bagley, Heights, Texas City, Texas.

Elmer R. Page, Hampton Place, Dallas, Texas.

A. M. Brown, Hutchins, Texas.
Boyd Eldridge, Fisher Street, Jonesboro, Ark.

Harvey Gray, Corning, Ark.
Wm. B. Pittard, Jr., Eudora, Ark.

W. L. Leach, Mountain Home, Ark.
Dr. Selsus E. Tull, West Helena, Ark.
W. O. Mills, Galilee, El Dorado, Ark.

Paul Skinner, Forest Lake, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Montague Cook, Thomaston, Ga.

F. J. Hendricks, Colbert, Ga.
M. G. Wilson, Porter Mem., Columbus, Ga.

Seba Marshall, 2nd, Herrin, Ill.
Hugh R. Bumpass, Tabernacle, Ennis, Texas.



Blue Mountain, Miss.: Ensign Jane Pryor, who was graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1943, and who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pryor, West Point, is pictured when she visited her alma mater recently while on furlough. Ensign Pryor is receiving training in aerology at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. J. M. White, West Point.

WILLIAM LOUIS MILLS

whereas: On February 2, 1944, by the Divine Providence of God, Brother William Louis Mills was called from his home and this community where he had served God, loved ones and friends for many years to his regard in heaven, and because it is with unending thanksgiving for the gift of such a faithful soul, so unselfish and loyal, so anxious and untiring in his work for the Lord.

And whereas: We feel so keenly the personal loss and Christian support of one that had endeared himself to all by endless deeds of kindness and Christian thoughtfulness.

Be it resolved: That this resolution proclaiming our appreciation for Brother Mills be drawn and that this statement of mutual respect and Christian esteem be expressed for a life given to unselfish service for Christ and others during many years past.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent the family, The Baptist Record, the Plaindealer, and spread on the minutes of Providence church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leland McCarty,

Mrs. Carl Bowie,

Mrs. W. H. Lucas, Committee.

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Inverness: The Sunday school observed Home and Foreign Mission Day with a special program and offering. The offering amounted to \$105.16.—W. P. Price, reporter.

W. L. Yeatman, pastor of Macedonia church, Lebanon Association, reports a good meeting with R. E. Massey doing the preaching. There were 40 additions.

John W. Outland, Fredonia, Ky.
Ray Y. Walden, Ralford, Fla.
A. A. Palmer, Moran, Texas.